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FOLLOWING REPEAT ACTION NAIROBI OF 08 AUG 74:

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SUBJECT: SAUL CASE

1. HYMAN SAUL VISITED DEPARTMENT RECENTLY TO DISCUSS CASE OF HIS SON, JOHN SAUL, WITH AF/E OFFICERS. HE DESCRIBED SON AS DETERMINED TO EXPOSE COMPLICITY OF KENYATTA IN HIS EXPULSION AND THE SEIZURE OF HIS MINE. ACCORDING TO FATHER, FINAL STRAW IN SON'S DECISION TO "REVEAL ALL" WAS ROUGH-ING UP OF HIS FRIEND AND PARTNER TIM MILLER BY CRITICOS' MEN AT MINE SIGHT (NAIROBI 6359).

2. ON BASIS OF "INSTRUCTION" FROM SON TO EXPOSE ALL DETAILS, HYMAN SAUL CONTACTED A NY TIMES REPORTER IN NY AND GAVE HIM FULL ACCOUNT OF INCIDENT. REPORTER STATED TIMES ALREADY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT SAUL EXPULSION AS WELL AS EARLIER EXPULSION OF SKANE, BUT PAPER NOT PREPARED TO TAKE INITIATIVE IN PUBLISHING SPECIFIC ARTICLE CRITICAL OF KENYATTA FAMILY. REPORTER ALLEGEDLY ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF MATTER REACHED PUBLIC ATTENTION INITIALLY THROUGH SOME OTHER CHANNEL, TIMES WOULD REPORT THIS. SAUL DIS-APPOINTED AT RESPONSE, BUT HOPED TO PUBLICIZE MATTER BY
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GOING TO CONGRESS AND ATTEMPTING TO USE INCIDENT AS

EXAMPLE OF WHY USG SHOULD CEASE TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC AID TO ALL COUNTRIES.

3. SAUL ALSO APPEARED TO WANT TO TEST WATER IN DEPARTMENT ON PROBABLE REACTION TO SUCH EXPOSE AND WHETHER IT MIGHT ENDANGER SOME IMPORTANT US INTERESTS IN AREA OF WHICH HE UNAWARE. AT SAME TIME HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT FACTS OF EXPULSION ALREADY KNOWN BY TOO MANY PEOPLE TO BE COVERED UP. SAUL SENIOR SAID HE WAS TRAVELLING SOON TO EUROPE AND WOULD BE DISCUSSING MATTER THIS WEEK WITH HIS SON.

4. AF/E DIRECTOR COOTE REPLIED THAT OUR EMBASSY IN NAIROBI HAD BEEN KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH MILLER RE DEVELOPMENTS. IT HAD MADE STIFF PROTEST TO GOK, BUT OTHERWISE HAD PURPOSELY AVOIDED TAKING ANY ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT JEOPARDIZE MILLER'S POSSIBLY REACHING SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT OF PROBLEM THROUGH EFFORTS OF FONMIN MUNGA. WHILE NO ONE SURE OF EVENTUAL RESULTS, LATEST INFO DEPT HAD FROM EMBASSY WAS THAT MILLER STILL HOPEFUL MUNGA WOULD BE HELPFUL. COOTE ADDED THAT ANY PUBLIC EXPOSURE INVOLVING KENYATTA FAMILY WOULD OF COURSE KILL ANY REMAINING HOPES FOR RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM. HE SUGGESTED THEREFORE THAT SAUL SENIOR TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION UNTIL HE HAD CHANCE TO DISCUSS MATTER IN DEPTH WITH HIS SON, WHOM HE WOULD BE SEEING SOON. SON MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE RECEIVED FURTHER REPORTS FROM MILLER BY THEN WHICH WILL AFFECT HIS DECISION. IN FINAL ANALYSIS, HOWEVER, DECISION TO PUBLICIZE EXPULSION AND SEIZURE IF NO SATISFACTION OBTAINED FROM GOK WAS PRIVATE ONE WHICH SAUL MUST MAKE HIMSELF.

5. ON RELATED MATTER SAUL MENTIONED HOUSE OWNED BY SON IN NAIROBI WHICH HE WOULD LIKE TO SELL TO EMBASSY (PRESUMABLY FOR DOLLARS). COOTE EXPLAINED DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN PURCHASING REAL ESTATE ABROAD, BUT SUGGESTED SAUL'S REPRESENTATIVE DISCUSS POSSIBLE SALE OR RENTAL WITH EMBASSY ADMIN OFFICER. THERE WAS ALSO POSSIBILITY THAT UNEP OR OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSION MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING HOUSE.

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6. THROUGHOUT DISCUSSION SAUL WAS EFFUSIVE IN HIS PRAISE OF EMBASSY GIVEN HIS SON AND MILLER THUS FAR. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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